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TREASURY OFFERS 13-WEEK AND 26-WEEK BILLS

The Treasury will auction two series of Treasury bills totaling approximately \$18,000 million to refund \$20,351 million of publicly held securities maturing March 22, 2001, and to pay down about \$2,351 million.

In addition to the public holdings, Federal Reserve Banks for their own accounts hold \$8,916 million of the maturing bills, which may be refunded at the highest discount rate of accepted competitive tenders. Amounts awarded to these accounts will be in addition to the offering amount.

Up to \$1,000 million in noncompetitive bids from Foreign and International Monetary Authority (FIMA) accounts bidding through the Federal Reserve Bank of New York will be included within the offering amount of each auction. These noncompetitive bids will have a limit of \$200 million per account and will be accepted in the order of smallest to largest, up to the aggregate award limit of \$1,000 million.

TreasuryDirect customers have requested that we reinvest their maturing holdings of approximately \$983 million into the 13-week bill and \$830 million into the 26-week bill.

This offering of Treasury securities is governed by the terms and conditions set forth in the Uniform Offering Circular for the Sale and Issue of Marketable Book-Entry Treasury Bills, Notes, and Bonds (31 CFR Part 356, as amended).

Details about each of the new securities are given in the attached offering highlights.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF TREASURY OFFERINGS OF BILLS
TO BE ISSUED MARCH 22, 2001

March 15, 2001

<u>Offering Amount</u>	\$10,000 million	\$8,000 million
<u>Description of Offering:</u>		
Term and type of security	91-day bill	182-day bill
CUSIP number	912795 GM 7	912795 HP 9
Auction date	March 19, 2001	March 19, 2001
Issue date	March 22, 2001	March 22, 2001
Maturity date	June 21, 2001	September 20, 2001
Original issue date	December 21, 2000	March 22, 2001
Currently outstanding	\$14,382 million	---
Minimum bid amount and multiples	\$1,000	\$1,000

The following rules apply to all securities mentioned above:

Submission of Bids:

Noncompetitive bids: Accepted in full up to \$1 million at the highest discount rate of accepted competitive bids.

Foreign and International Monetary Authority (FIMA) bids: Noncompetitive bids submitted through the Federal Reserve Banks as agents for FIMA accounts. Accepted in order of size from smallest to largest with no more than \$200 million awarded per account. The total noncompetitive amount awarded to Federal Reserve Banks as agents for FIMA accounts will not exceed \$1,000 million. A single bid that would cause the limit to be exceeded will be partially accepted in the amount that brings the aggregate award total to the \$1,000 million limit. However, if there are two or more bids of equal amounts that would cause the limit to be exceeded, each will be prorated to avoid exceeding the limit.

Competitive bids:

- (1) Must be expressed as a discount rate with three decimals in increments of .005%, e.g., 7.100%, 7.105%.
- (2) Net long position for each bidder must be reported when the sum of the total bid amount, at all discount rates, and the net long position is \$1 billion or greater.
- (3) Net long position must be determined as of one half-hour prior to the closing time for receipt of competitive tenders.

Maximum Recognized Bid at a Single Rate .. 35% of public offering

Maximum Award 35% of public offering

Receipt of Tenders:

Noncompetitive tenders ..Prior to 12:00 noon eastern standard time on auction day

Competitive tendersPrior to 1:00 p.m. eastern standard time on auction day

Payment Terms: By charge to a funds account at a Federal Reserve Bank on issue date, or payment of full par amount with tender. *TreasuryDirect* customers can use the Pay Direct feature which authorizes a charge to their account of record at their financial institution on issue date.